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JOEL KLEIN NAMED ANTITRUST DEPUTY FOR REGULATORY AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Department of Justice today named Joel Klein, Deputy Counsel to the President, as the Antitrust Division's Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General.

Klein succeeds Robert E. Litan, who is leaving the Department to become the Office of Management and Budget's Associate Director for General Government and Finance.

Anne K. Bingaman, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division said that Klein, 48, will oversee the Division's expanding civil antitrust enforcement program involving industries such as, telecommunications, health care, and banking, other than merger cases which are handled by another Deputy. He will also be responsible for competition advocacy, other regulated industries, and international trade.

Klein comes to the Division from the White House Counsel's office where he has served since 1993 as a legal advisor to the President.

Before his work at the White House, Klein was in private practice with the Washington law firm, Klein, Farr, Smith & Taranto. He practiced law in Washington for twenty years and is considered to be one of the nation's leading appellate advocates. Klein has argued 10 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and more than 20 cases

before the various federal courts of appeal throughout the country. He has also been lead trial counsel in numerous federal court cases both at the trial and appellate levels. Klein has had a broad involvement in antitrust issues.

"Mr. Klein's wealth of experience in private practice, as well as his experience from the White House Counsel's office, will make him an extremely valuable asset to the Division as we continue our civil antitrust enforcement efforts," said Bingaman.

Klein has also served as an adjunct and visiting professor of law at the Georgetown University Law Center where he taught courses on the role of the federal courts and civil procedure.

Klein graduated magna cum laude from Columbia College and Harvard Law School in 1967 and 1971 respectively. He served as a law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell and to Chief Judge David C. Bazelon of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

In addition to his work in the private and public sectors, Klein has dedicated many hours to community service. He received a volunteer recognition award from the National Association of Attorneys General for his efforts to assist states in preparing for arguments before the Supreme Court and was recognized by the American Psychiatric Association for his outstanding contributions to the psychiatric aspects of jurisprudence.

Klein and his wife Patsy Davis, currently reside in Washington, D.C., with their daughter Julia, and a step-daughter, Harriet.

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